

Santa Monica College

Distance Education Committee Minutes of December 5, 2013

Members: Sal Veas (Chair), Julie Yarrish** (Vice-chair), Jamie Cavanaugh*, Dana DelGeorge, Wendi DeMorst, Peggy Kravitz*, Mona Martin*, Walter Meyer*, Judith Remmes*, Saul Rubin, Odemaris Valdivia

**Excused Absence

Interested parties: Fariba Bolandemat*, Tim Cramer, Ellen Cutler, Keith Grazidai*, Peggy Kline*, Laura Manson, Christine Miller*, Pete Morris, Wendy Parise*, Jenny Resnick*, Marilyn Simons*

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The Santa Monica College Distance Education Committee was called to order by Sal Veas at 11:15 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2013: A motion to approve was made by Dana DelGeorge, seconded by Wendi DeMorst, and unanimously passed.

October 31, 2013: Judith Remmes stated that some of the information reported may not have been accurate and requested changes. A motion to approve the changes was made, seconded, and passed.

Chair's Report:

- There will be a faculty/senate retreat.
- There will be a Technology Summit hosted by the Academic Senate on January 30. Details will be forwarded by Jamie.
- Sal stated that there are concerns about the possibility that there could, at some point, be a state wide mandated CMS.

Vice Chair's Report:

- Christine Miller reported on behalf of Julie Yarrish that sometime during the spring semester there would be enhancements to the threaded discussion tool.
- The schedule for training Webinars offered during the winter session will be posted in FAC 101. There will also be an email announcement/invitation.

Ongoing Projects:

- CMS shopping: It was stated that of those students informally surveyed, many were satisfied with and liked Pearson/eCollege.

Committee Members Discussion/Reports:

- There was a brief discussion related to the certification of online faculty. The observation was made that some new faculty have the expectation that certification may be required. The committee was reminded that there is an eCollege teaching readiness course with seats already paid for and the comment made that it is a robust.

New Business:

- There was consensus among committee members that there should be participation in the Spring 2014 Flex Day presentations and a number of subjects put forth. There was a call for proposals.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Distance Education Committee will be in HSS 261 (Senate Conference Room) 11:15 A.M., Thursday, February 27, 2014